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TO AMEMBASSY NEW DELHI PRIORITY

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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: INDO-U.S. SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY SUBCOMMISSION

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1. INDIAN EMBASSY (DIXIT) ADVISED DEPARTMENT AUG. 5 ON GOI RESPONSE TO OUR PROPOSAL THAT S AND T SUBCOM MEET IN NEW DELHI MID-SEPTEMBER. DIXIT SAID THAT GOI IS SHORTLY FORWARDING "ADDITIONAL INFORMATION" ON (AND PRESUMABLY OFFICIAL CLEARANCE FOR) INDIAN PROPOSALS -- OTHER THAN PROPOSAL FOR INTEGRATED PEST CONTROL -- ALREADY SUBMITTED BY DOST (REF A-125, APRIL 7, 1975). DIXIT STATED THAT GOI BELIEVES US REACTION TO GOI PROPOSALS NOT POSSIBLE BY MID-SEPTEMBER AND THEREFORE PREFERS TO HOLD S AND T MEETING AFTER JOINT COMMISSION MEETING.

2. GANLEY INVITED DIXIT TO COME IN TO DISCUSS QUESTION FURTHER, WHICH DIXIT SEEMED ANXIOUS TO DO. BUT DIXIT SAID HE WILL BE IN NEXT WEEK AFTER SCIATT ANANDAKRISHNAN HAS
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CHANCE TO CONSULT IN NEW YORK WITH UNSPECIFIED GOI OFFICIAL

(APPARENTLY, DOST ALT.SEC. RAMACHANDRAN)

3. COMMENT: WE BELIEVE GOI RESPONSE AS OUTLINED BY DIXIT IS NOT NECESSARILY LAST WORD. DIXIT TOLD KUX THAT HE HAD

IMPRESSION THAT DELHI HAD OPEN MIND ON QUESTION. THEREFORE, WE INTEND TO PRESS HIM WHEN WE SEE HIM NEXT WEEK AND WOULD LIKE EMBASSY DELHI TO DO THE SAME WITH THE GOI.

4. FYI. ANANDAKRISHNAN HAS TOLD RICHMOND OES THAT GOI DECISION ON HOLDING S AND T SUBCOMMISSION MEETING WILL BE MADE ON POLITICAL BASIS. HE, HIMSELF, BELIEVES A MEETING MIGHT BE USEFUL. ANANDAKRISHNAN ALSO EXPRESSED SOME SURPRISE THAT USG REMAINS SO CONCERNED ABOUT GOI ATTITUDE REGARDING EXPRESSIONS OF SUPPORT OR CLARIFICATION RESPECTING S AND T PROJECTS THAT MAY COME UNDER POLITICAL ATTACK. HE SAID THAT IN CASE OF WHO/HEW PROJECT, THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH HAD MADE STATEMENT IN LOK SABHA "SUPPORTING" THAT PROJECT WITHIN PAST SEVERAL MONTHS. IS THIS IN FACT CASE? END FYI. KISSINGER

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